
Mass Transit/WMATA

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

Projects in this program are intended to enhance mobility by providing convenient and affordable mass transit alternatives to the single occupancy vehicle travel, and to reduce traffic congestion and vehicle emissions.

The County's Mass Transit/WMATA Capital Program provides an essential alternative to single-occupant vehicle travel and contributes to the reduction of traffic congestion. The goal of the County's Mass Transit/WMATA Capital Program is to provide infrastructure, equipment, and supporting facilities for the operation of safe, reliable, convenient, and affordable public transportation systems to the residents of Montgomery County. The infrastructure, equipment, and supporting facilities for these transit systems must be constructed, maintained, rehabilitated, and replaced to ensure safety and operational effectiveness.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Design and construct the new and expanded Silver Spring Transit Center.
- Construct transit centers at Montgomery Mall and White Oak.
- Provide planning and design funds for the expansion of the Equipment and Maintenance Operations Center.
- Continue efforts to improve the condition of Ride On bus stops.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

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CAPITAL PROGRAM REVIEW

The FY09-14 Mass Transit/WMATA component of DPWT includes seven active projects. The program totals \$71.7 million over the six-year period. This represents a \$38.5 million, 34.9 percent decrease from the \$110.3 million in the Amended FY07-12 program. The decrease is primarily attributed to the completion of the funding of the Glenmont Metro Parking Expansion project.

STATE TRANSIT PROGRAM

In addition to transit projects programmed by Montgomery County, the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) develops

and provides transit services within the County on the Brunswick MARC rail line from Brunswick to Silver Spring, providing convenient connection to the Washington regional Metrorail system.

The State's Draft Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) is released each October. Final action on the Statewide CTP is taken by the General Assembly. The State portion of the Silver Spring Transit Center, relocation of the MARC station (Phase I) was completed in 2003. Montgomery County is managing the construction of the new transit center (Phase II), with final design and construction to be completed in conjunction with a joint developer and WMATA. The State's Development and Evaluation Program includes a study of a Purple Line Transitway, a 16-mile transitway between the Bethesda and New Carrollton Metrorail Stations, and a study of a 14-mile Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT) along the I-270 corridor in Montgomery County.